

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 14, 2005

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Minutes of Open Meeting held January 6, 2005: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Competitive Telecommunications Service Providers:

The following companies submitted tariff filings. The Division has reviewed the tariff filings and does not recommend suspension of:

- 2618 – AT&T Communications of NE, Inc. (tariffs filed 1/4/05)
- 2486 – MCImetro Access Transmission Service, LLC (tariffs filed 12/31/04)
- 2621 – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (tariffs filed 12/31/04)
- 2472 – Sprint Communications (tariffs filed 12/29/04)
- 2876 – Williams Communications, LLC (tariffs filed 12/29/04)
- 2535 – Cox RI Telcom, LLC (tariffs filed 12/29/04)
- 2262(F16) – Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (tariffs filed 12/31/04)
- 2262(P17) – MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. (tariffs filed 12/31/04)
- 2262(A6) – SBC Long Distance, Inc. (tariffs filed 1/6/05)
- 2262(O) – VarTec Telecom (tariffs filed 12/31/04)
- 2262(C3) – Excel Telecommunications, Inc. (12/31/04)

After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

3654 – Prudence Island Utilities Corp. (PIUC) – PIUC's submitted a tariff filing to change its Terms and Conditions, specifically section of the tariff regarding billing and collection, shutoff and fines, for effect January 16, 2005. After review and discussion, Chairman Germani made the following motions:

- To approve PIUC's proposed reduction in Shut-off Noticing and Shut-off Time Periods, from 60 days to 45 days.
- To approve PIUC's' proposed \$50 fine "Water Dumping" provision subject to clarification that the fine would not apply when a leak is not the fault of the customer.
- To approve PIUC's proposed increase to the Service Installation Charge from \$35 to \$50 for new connections and reconnection of service terminated for nonpayment.
- To suspend the application of the increased service installation charge to shutoffs requested by the customer pending further investigation.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3655 – Block Island Power Co. (BIPCO) – BIPCO’s filed new rates and schedules designed to generate additional revenue requirement in the amount of \$463,171 for effect for effect January 16, 2005. After review, Chairman Germani moved to suspend BIPCO’s proposed tariffs to conduct investigation and hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

Administrative Matters: In compliance with intent of R.I.G.L. 39-26-6, Chairman Germani moved to initiate a negotiated rulemaking to adopt regulations to implement a renewable energy standard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** Docket 3659 was assigned to the negotiated rulemaking.

The open meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.